

Greetings Fellow Manitou Springs Citizen,

The Manitou Springs Recycles citizen group has been researching how to improve recycling in our community. Based on a survey of Manitou households conducted by Air Force Academy cadets, we learned that Manitou residents would recycle more if it were both easier and cheaper to recycle.

We are delighted to announce that after contacting all area trash haulers Manitou Springs Recycles has reached a “*Preferred Provider Agreement*” with Bestway Disposal. To help improve local recycling efforts Bestway will:

- 1) Provide **expanded curbside** recycling services on the same day as trash pick up. They’ll recycle newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, aluminum and steel/tin cans, plastic #1 & 2, and paperboard (cereal boxes etc.)
- 2) Develop and pay for a new **Community Recycling Center** for all Manitou residents and businesses to drop off cardboard as well as all the material collected at curbside
- 3) Provide & service **public recycling bins** for aluminum cans and plastic next to public trash cans
- 4) Provide optional **home recycling bins** designed specially for Manitou residents
- 5) Provide **compost containers** at a discount price and deliver them to you for free
- 6) **Document** the amount of material recycled so we can evaluate the impact of the program.

If you are currently a Bestway customer, and you want a free recycling bin (provided by Manitou Springs Recycles, Bestway, and the Independence Community Fund) and/or a compost bin provided to your home at cost, please **call Bestway at 633-8709**.

If you switch to Bestway, your monthly hauling fee will not increase and you will get all of the above recycling services for free. Plus your first month of service is free! To switch to **Bestway, call 633-8709**.

In addition, if 1,000 Manitou households and businesses sign up with Bestway, they will reduce everyone’s monthly service fee by \$1 every month. Since Bestway already has 500 local customers, we just need 500 more customers to switch to take advantage of this offer.

We ask for your help in making this exciting recycling program for Manitou Springs a success by using Bestway Disposal as your trash/recycling hauler. Please give Bestway a call at **633-8709**.

To learn more, sign up with Bestway or help recycling efforts in Manitou Springs, get your school or business involved with recycling, or just want to meet some neighbors over refreshments, then join us:

**6:30-8 pm**

**Monday, February 16th, 2004**

**Spice of Life, 727 Manitou Ave., downtown Manitou Springs**

**Recycling Efforts and Ideas will be discussed at the January 13, 2004 City Council Worksession. This Worksession will be held at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 606 Manitou Avenue.**

THANK YOU!

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PS. If you have any questions about the event of Monday Feb. 16, email manitourecycles at yahoo.com